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On

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

RUDOLF MAURER, et al.

Application No.: 09/691,645

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Sir:

Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal on July 8, 2003. An Appeal Brief was timely filed on September 23, 2003. By letter dated December 9, 2003, the Examiner informed Applicant that claims had not been entered because they raised the issue of new matter. The Examiner pointed out that upon examination, those claims may or may not be determined to contain new matter.

Pursuant to the procedure requirements, Applicant hereby files the Request for Continuing Examination to force examination of the issue of new matter.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.